

UNUSUAL ENCOUNTER BETWEEN A WHITE-TAILED JACK RABBIT AND A HAWK

TAMMY COLLINS, Pilot Mound,
Manitoba. R0G 1P0

While operating a tractor on the family farm (Sec. 19, Twp 3, Rg. 13, W1) at Rock Lake, Manitoba on 2 June 1982, I flushed an adult jack rabbit which ran in the general direction of a large buteo hawk (species unidentified) sitting on the field ahead. The hawk immediately took to the air and flew at a height of approximately 30 feet to intercept the rabbit. The rabbit accelerated rapidly as the hawk approached from the side. Once near the rabbit, the hawk turned in behind its prey and dropped down to approximately 7 feet above its head. Without breaking stride, the rabbit jumped up head first, almost reaching the hawk. The hawk rolled onto its back

to avoid its aggressor, lost air under its wings, and fell backwards to the ground. The rabbit continued on to some wooded cover while the hawk rolled back onto his feet, not moving off until the rabbit disappeared.

**1982 SASKATCHEWAN
CHRISTMAS MAMMAL
COUNT**

Reports of mammals seen during bird counts will be compiled again this year. When on Christmas Bird Counts please note the number of each species of mammal seen, and note species whose tracks you can positively identify.

Send mammal counts with your bird counts as soon as possible (no later than 10 January 1983) to Mary I. Houston, 863 University Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. S7N 0J8.



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